

## Message Text

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REF: WATCH LIST JUNE 3

1. STOCKHOLM'S MODERATE MORNING DAILY SVENSKA DAGBLADET  
JUNE 5: "THE SOVIET UNION WILL SOON HAVE EXISTED FOR 60 YEARS  
BUT THE COUNTRY IS AND SEEMS TO REMAIN REMARKABLY UNCHANGEABLE.  
THE ONLY REAL NEWS IN THE CONSTITUTION WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED  
WITH A LOT OF FUSS IS THAT IT GIVES LEONID BREZHNEV MORE ROOM  
TO MANEUVER."

2. SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC AFTERNOON TAB AFTONBLADET JUNE 6:  
"THE NEW CONSTITUTION REFLECTS FOREMOST THE STERILITY IN THE SOVIET  
SYSTEM WHERE IN SPITE OF ALL TALK ABOUT INFLUENCE FROM BELOW IT  
YET ONCE MORE HAS BEEN STATED THAT IT IS AND WILL REMAIN THE  
PARTY BUREAUCRATS WHICH WILL LEAD THE SOVIET STATE....  
THAT PETRIFICATION IN THE SOVIET STATE, WHERE AN ETERNAL DOGMATISM  
REPLACES OPEN DEBATE AND WHERE THE SECURITY POLICE ARE STILL  
A STATE WITHIN A STATE, IS A SIGN OF WEAKNESS WHICH THE MANY  
JUBILEE SPEECHES IN MEMORY OF THE SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF  
THE OCTOBER REVOLUTION THIS FALL CAN NEVER HIDE.... BUT SINCE  
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THE SOVIET LEADERS STILL LAY CLAIM TO BEING THE IDEOLOGICAL  
CENTER OF WORLD COMMUNISM, THE MODEL 1977 SOVIET CONSTITUTION  
HARDLY WILL GO INTO HISTORY AS A MOMENTOUS IDEOLOGICAL  
DOCUMENT."  
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